
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Executive Order 41 (99)

Promulgation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Terrorism Consequence Management Plan; Designation of Lead Agencies

The safety and protection of citizens is the primary function of government. As such, it is the policy of this Administration that the Commonwealth of Virginia will develop and maintain a comprehensive strategy regarding domestic preparedness in response to an act of terrorism. In order to best protect and serve the interests of Virginians, and to supplement any national strategy, the Commonwealth's strategy will define, coordinate and integrate the capabilities of the Commonwealth and its communities to better prepare themselves to respond to, and recover from, an act of terrorism. These are defined roles of state and local governments, supplemented and assisted by the federal government, whether the nature of the emergency is natural or manmade.

Accordingly, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 44-146.17 of the Code of Virginia as Governor and as Director of Emergency Services, I hereby promulgate and issue the Commonwealth of Virginia Terrorism Consequence Management Plan (hereinafter, the "Plan"), dated April 1999, which provides for a coordinated government response to the effects or consequences of an actual terrorist act or the threat of such a violent act or actions in the Commonwealth.

In accordance with the duties and responsibilities assigned in the Plan, each designated state department or agency shall:

- (1) Prepare and maintain the component(s) of the Plan for which it is responsible;
- (2) Conduct an ongoing training program and participate in exercises as needed in order to maintain an appropriate emergency response capability;
- (3) In time of emergency, implement emergency response actions as required and in coordination with the Virginia Emergency Operations Center; and
- (4) Assist with post-disaster restoration and recovery operations as required.

I hereby designate the Virginia Department of State Police as the lead agency in the Commonwealth for the purpose of "Crisis Management" (law enforcement) in the event of an act of terrorism. Similarly, I hereby designate the Virginia Department of Emergency Services as the lead among state agencies for the purposes of "Consequence Management" (emergency response and recovery). In addition to, and coincidental with, the duties and responsibilities assigned to these two agencies in the Plan, they will direct and coordinate the overall state crisis and consequence management activities, respectively.

The Plan is consistent with the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 1973 (Chapter

3.2, Title 44 of the Code of Virginia), the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288, as amended) and its implementing regulations, and the Federal Response Plan (April 1992, as amended).

This Executive Order is consistent with Executive Order Number Seventy-three (97), Promulgation of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, issued by Governor George Allen.

This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 17th day of May 1999.

James S. Gilmore, III, Governor

Attest: Secretary of the Commonwealth